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Black History Month

WOMEN'S RIGHTS CELEBRATED AT ANNUAL FREDERICK DOUGLASS EVENT AT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Washington, DC- (January 15, 2010) – Come celebrate Frederick Douglass' 192nd Birthday and his contribution to the Women's Rights Movement, Saturday, February 14th, 12 pm-4:30 pm at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, 1411 W Street SE in Washington, DC.

There will be plenty of activities for the entire family, including actor Fred Morsell's portrayal of Frederick Douglass. Known for his rare ability to capture the power and eloquence of the great orator, Morsell will deliver a speech entitled "Why I Became a Woman's Rights Man."

Special guest speaker, Sally McMillen, author and Professor of History at Davidson College, will deliver a talk entitled "'Nobility in His Act': Frederick Douglass and the Women's Rights Movement." She will also be signing copies of her recent book "Seneca Falls and the Origins of the Women's Movement."

Other activities will include a history of the surrounding neighborhood by Tony Thomas of the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, presentations by Women's Rights National Historic Park and New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park and a Junior Ranger table for children.

The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the most famous 19th century African American. His life and works serve as an inspiration to those who continue the struggle for liberty and justice. Visitors to the site learn about his efforts to abolish slavery and claim rights for oppressed people.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Julie Kutruff or Braden Paynter at 202-426-6561 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/frdo.

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